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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number 10030458-1 (8770/32) |
| In re Application of: FALGUN D. PATEL, ET AL | | |
| Application Number: 10/820,098 | Filed: APRIL 7, 2004 | |
| For OPTICAL SWITCH USING RARE EARTH DOPED GLASS | | |
| Group Art Unit: 3663 | Examiner: HUGHES, DEANDRA M. | |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement Dated December 7, 2005 in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 120.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ 1,590.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ 2,160.00 |
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A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

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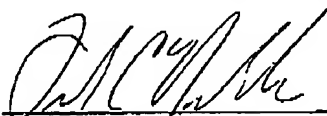
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